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WASHINGTON 20547

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

March 17, 1976

Dear George:

It is my firm desire to continue the excellent relationship which has existed over the years between our two agencies. At the same time, of course, USIA must scrupulously avoid any activities which could be interpreted abroad or at home as being associated with intelligence or counterintelligence operations. With these objectives in mind, I propose we tighten and clarify existing liaison arrangements to assure judicious handling of sensitive materials and to clarify any ambiguities which may currently exist regarding the offices and individuals within USIA having such responsibilities.

The Central Intelligence Agency's point of contact in USIA Washington for all policy matters, both those relating to overseas operations and to Washington media (e.g., press, radio, still and motion pictures) will be R. Kenneth Towery, Deputy Director, USIA (Policy and Plans) or his alternate, Walter M. Bastian, Associate Director, USIA (Policy and Plans). If a given matter is considered routine, or if Messrs. Towery and Bastian are unavailable, the contact is Joseph O. Hanson, Jr., National Security Affairs Advisor on Mr. Towery's staff. Other members of Mr. Towery's staff who will continue existing regular contacts are Eugene J. Friedmann, Chief,

The Honorable George H. Bush Director Central Intelligence Agency

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Media Reaction Staff (contacts with FBIS) and Frank P. Harman III, Planning Officer (some matters relating to psychological perspectives overseas).

The point of contact with USIA on matters of a non-operational nature will continue to be conducted through Mrs. Vivia T. Motsinger of the Liaison Staff of our Library.

In matters involving the security of USIA or its personnel, members of your staff should regard Robert D. Barber, Assistant Director, USIA (Security) as the liaison point in USIA. This would

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to USIA. Mr. Barber serves as my personal advisor and representative in all security matters, and I rely completely upon him to bring to my attention for consultation and final decision those matters which, in his judgment, should be so referred.

Sincerely,

James Keogh Director

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